

## GENERAL NEWS.

### THE PITH AND POINT OF EVERYTHING CURRENT.

#### Points Jotted Down By Our Reporters.

Who Are Always on the Alert for Any Item of News That May Transpire.

The ladies of Benson will give a grand ball at Knights of Pythias hall on Christmas night.

Don't forget that the skating rink will open to-morrow evening with a social dance.

Don't pass the Fifth street News Depot, but come in and examine the stock. 12-1

We are perfectly willing that the Epitaph should think that we are the "Cuter" for we keep it in stock at this office.

Our stock of boots and shoes are the finest this side of San Francisco, at Summerfield Bros.

The message of Grover Cleveland which we publish in another column is the most wishy washy production of its kind that we have ever seen, and is a disgrace to its author.

Mr. Dan Leuch, the general proprietor of the Maison Doree received to-day five hundred eastern shell oysters and Dan defies any cook in town to beat him in serving them to his numerous customers in the different styles. 12-4

Henry Campbell has issued invitations for the opening of his keg house on Saturday evening, and the event will be celebrated by a grand jollification.

Zepher, yarns, and all kinds of fancy goods, at the New Store.

President Cleveland judging from his message, has come to the conclusion that the Apache Indian is better than the frontiersman, and as far as he is concerned we will have very little relief.

Fine Teas and Coffees specialty at R. P. Mansfield's.

William Dee has moved back to his old shop next door to this office, and the sound of his hammer and the ringing of his anvil again tells us that the village blacksmith is again at his post.

Blankets and quilts very cheap at the New York Store.

President Cleveland speaks right out in meeting, and admits that he is the tool of the gold bugs, and the enemy of the people. It is very evident that Dan Manning is the Democratic president of these United States.

All new style dress goods, at the New York Store.

We have been requested by some members of the Fire Department to ask Chief Engineer Keefe whether that purse he spoke of will be given to the best 100 yard runner of the department. Come out and let us know Tom, as the boys want to run for it.

Full stock rail boots for \$4 at J. Meyers & Bros.

Mrs. Hutchison and two children departed for Coos county, Oregon, on a visit to the old folks whom she has not seen for about seven years. She will be absent about two months.

Information is wanted of R. M. Broderick who left Tombstone about June last, as his wife is dead and buried and his two orphan children are dependent upon the public. New Mexico and Colorado papers please copy. Address Mrs. Carrie Gregory, Tombstone, Arizona. 11

One of the companies of the Tenth Cavalry, stationed in the Whetstone mountains, has a genuine colored minstrel troop among them, who will entertain the people of Tombstone on the evenings of Dec. 23d and 24th at Scheiffel Hall. Look out for advertisement and small bills to-morrow.

The opinion prevailed in this city that the Mr. Johnston who was killed at Black Rock was the husband of Mrs. Hansen, who is well known in this city, and we are pleased to state that it is another party, as a gentleman who has seen them since the shooting of Johnston, stated to us to-day.

## COUNTY RECORDS.

The following instruments have been filed in the office of the County Recorder:

BRAND  
Jas. Scow and wife, brand on cattle of figure 2, with half circle over top.

### County Court.

HON. WEBSTER STREET, County Judge A. O. WALLACE, Clerk.  
THURSDAY, Dec. 10, 1885.

Court met at 10 o'clock a. m.  
Minutes of last session read and approved.

Mountain Maid Mining Company vs. Judge Rickey—This case was on trial all day. It is thought the case will go to the jury to-morrow.

Cal Finch still lingers in the metropolis.

Bill Ritchie says the president is a trump.

Gus Williams has on exhibition at his saloon Misseltoe berries and leaves. Call and see Gus.

John Connolly, an old-timer in this camp, returned last evening from San Francisco with his bride.  
A. O. U. W. meet to-night.

What is the matter Joe, don't be afraid, this is a free country.

Subscribers, advertisers and all creditors, bring in your government castings as we need them.

Mrs. McGuirk arrived in this city last evening after a four month's visit to her sister in Amador county, California.

Chief of Police Coyle and A. T. Jones run a race of 100 yards for \$2.50 this afternoon at the race track. Jim Coyle being the winner by about "stein" feet.

Cleveland the great (?) reformer disregards the people of the west, and in his message says or intends that the coinage of silver shall be stopped. Oh, yes, this is the president of the people in a horn.

What will become of the territories of Arizona and New Mexico, and the states of Colorado and Nevada, if silver coinage is stopped?

The great reformer (?) Cleveland don't know that there white American citizens living outside of Washington and New York.

W. H. Vanderbilt, the money king of New York and the head of the telegraph monopoly, is dead. While his great wealth may cause him to have a large funeral, still there will be but few who will shed a tear for him or have a kindly word for his memory.

R. Wardwell, a nephew of Gen. Wardwell, who came to this city some time since ill with the consumption is dead, and was buried yesterday. The deceased came here in hopes that our sunny climate would cure his malady, but he came too late.

The following property holders paid their county taxes yesterday: J. S. Robinson, S. Eereobessa, W. W. Conner, W. C. Bishop, Wm. Garland, Miss Kate Lowry, Sol. Lowenberg, Geo. Bauer, Andrew Garrett, H. Bokmann, Antonio Zoza, J. M. McDarrell, A. Carter, Augustus Noyes, Mrs. Agnes Atkins, Chas. Haydenfeldt, Jas. Colp, S. Armudo.

About every Indian special that was received during the last week or ten days were specially telegraphed to THE DAILY TOMBSTONE by its own correspondent, yet we see those same dispatches claimed by various papers throughout the Territory without credit to us, and more especially in the Tucson Times. We hope that they will instruct their agents to give us credit for specials when they are taken from this paper.

### For Sale.

Or To LET—A house of four rooms, on 13th and Fremont streets; large yard, chicken house, and corral. Will be sold cheap. Inquire on premises or next door. 11-23

Just received at Summerfield Bros., new lot of ladies' plain and broadcloth robes and cloaks, ulsters and other wearing apparel. 10-14

Albums, dressing cases, books, picture frames, ladies satchels, Christmas cards, at bedrock prices, at the Fifth street News Depot. 12-1

Ladies and children's shoes sold cheaper than anywhere else, at the New York Store.

No extra charge will be made for showing the celebrated John B. Stetson hats at Summerfield Bros. 10-14

Fruit trees, shade trees, small fruit, garden and house plants, bulbs and seeds, sold by J. N. Tuttle, Second street, between Allen and Fremont. Fruit trees, 25c each. Also, agent for the celebrated Combination Washing Machine.

## OUR POT-POURI

### LOCAL OF AND TERRITORIAL NEWS.

Items That Please Some, While It Makes the Guilty Squirm.

The People's Paper Always to the Front When There is Anything to be Found Out.

Jos. Poyton has returned from an extended trip through Sonora.

Dan Leuch is in training for the fatt mens race on Christmas day.

Lieut. Richards and Dr. Woods came in to-day from Fort Huachuca.

Read the advertisement of the ball to be given by Queen Lodge A. O. U. W., at Bisbee.

Turkeys are busily engaged in making their last will and testament.

Capt. D. S. Floyd came in from Huachuca yesterday afternoon.

Dyar & Baldwin have a fine lot of live Thanksgiving turkeys. 11-19

C. C. Conrad departed for his home on the San Pedro this morning.

Live ducks, turkeys and chickens at Dyar & Baldwin's, on Fremont street. 11-21

Casey Clum has been offered a position in San Bernardino with Capt. Seaman, and departed for that place yesterday morning.

Jockey Queen cigars 12½ cents each at Ashmun & Walkers.

The members of the Tombstone Dramatic club will meet at Mrs. Gregory's rooms this evening at 8 o'clock for rehearsal.

Just look at us, Seamen & Son we are bristling with holiday goods, our show window is nothing compared with our display inside. 11

The family of Mr. H. D. Gellett have arrived in Benson to live, and adds two more charming young ladies to the society of Benson.

A choice lot of dried fruit of all kinds, at R. P. Mansfield's.

"Ickle Sing" is the latest pet name to call your Sunday girl. It is Chinese for light of my washtub.

The Dramatic Club will produce for the benefit of the cemetery fund, the comedy entitled "Andy Blake" and the screaming farce of "Turn Em Out."

Daniel Coreham died in Bisbee on Monday last from the effects of injuries he received by the caving of rock in the Neptune mine some days ago.

Mr. Blackburn who was arrested for carrying concealed weapons on Tuesday, was fined \$26.50 this morning by Recorder Clum. He had a jury trial and was convicted.

Mr. John Fonga has been appointed deputy county clerk, vice Casey Clum resigned. Mr. Fonga was formerly deputy clerk of the district court, and besides being an excellent gentleman is well qualified for the position.

Rigley Tilden has returned from Phenix, where he went to purchase material for a democratic weekly paper in this city. He states that the material was shipped yesterday and that he will get his first number out about January first.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ruklin will leave in a few days for Colorado, where they will in the future reside. We are sorry to lose them, but wish them health and prosperity in their new home.

George Cummings, of Benson, has purchased a Webster's Unabridged dictionary, and daily 7c ks out b'g words with which to charm his lady love. It is said that this ruse was successful and that he will enter the bonds of wedlock on Christmas day.

We are pained to learn that John Gird of this city was accidentally shot yesterday in Sonora between the Custom House and Nogales. While riding along a gun fell out of the wagon and was exploded, the ball entering the back of Mr. Gird and striking the ribs glanced off and lodged under the shoulder blade. The wound while very painful is not thought to be dangerous. M. M. O. Gorman and Will Gird went down this morning and will return to-morrow with the wounded man.

## The President's Message.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The following is a synopsis of the president's message to congress at noon to-day: To the Congress of the United States: Your assembling is clouded by a sense of public bereavement, caused by the recent and sudden death of Thos. A. Hendricks, vice-president of the United States. His distinguished public services, his complete integrity and devotion to every duty and his personal virtues will find an honorable record in his country's history. Ample and repeated proofs of this esteem and confidence in which he was held by his countrymen were manifested by his election to offices of the most important trust and highest dignity, and at length, full of years and honor, he has been laid at rest amidst general sorrow and benediction. The constitution, which requires these chosen to legislate for the people to annually meet and discharge their solemn trust, also requires the president to give to congress information of the state of the Union and recommend to their consideration such measures as he shall deem necessary. It is well for us to bear in mind that our usefulness to the people's interest will be prompted by a constant appreciation of the scope and character of our respective duties as they relate to federal legislation. While the executive may recommend such measures as he shall deem expedient, the responsibility for legislative action must and should rest upon those selected by the people to make their laws.

The message then refers to the continued peace of the United States with all other nations and states, that there are no questions of difficulty pending with any foreign government.

It mentions the bill for the construction of the Nicaraguan canal by the United States, introduced in the last senate, and states that the president had withdrawn it and will withhold it from resubmission. It speaks with favor of the Tehuantepec railway.

On the Chinese question he says the condition of the Chinese question in western states and territories is far from being satisfactory. He cites the recent anti-Chinese movements and continues, "There is apprehension lest the bitterness of feeling against the Mongolian race on the Pacific slope may find vent in similar lawless demonstration." The message asserts that the Chinese outrages are traceable to lawlessness of men, not citizens of the United States. In reference to the Chinese restriction laws, he says: "If existing laws are inadequate to compass the end in view, I shall be prepared to give earnest consideration to any further remedial measures."

He favors the confirmation of the commercial treaty with Mexico; International copyright legislation recommends the repeal of the act providing for the investment of trust funds in the hands of the United States; requests legislation which will permit denaturalization laws; opposes the confirmation of reciprocal treaties with the Spanish West Indies; favors legislation to increase facilities of intercourse with contiguous nations; recommends increased appropriations for diplomatic and consular service, and its general revision; favors reduction of internal taxation.

On the tariff question he says: "Justice and fairness dictates that in any modification of our present laws the industries and interests in which our citizens have large investments, should not be ruthlessly destroyed. We should also deal with the subject in such a manner as to protect the interests of American labor."

He enters into the history of silver coinage from the time of the passage of the silver coinage act in 1888; and he reviews the results of compulsory coinage. On this he says: "The condition in which our treasury may be placed by persistence in our present course, is a matter of concern to every patriotic citizen. We have now on hand all the silver dollars necessary to supply the present need of the people. That disaster has not already overtaken us furnishes no proof that the danger we passed will not overtake us if we persist in the continuation of silver coinage. We have been saved by the most careful management and unusual expedients; by a

combination of fortunate conditions, and by a confident expectation. The commerce of the government in regard to silver coinage would be speedily changed by the action of congress. Prosperity hesitates upon our threshold because of the dangers and uncertainties surrounding this question." He concludes the paragraph as follows: "No interest appeals to the United States so strongly for a safe and staple currency as the vast army of the unemployed. I recommend the suspension of compulsory coinage of silver dollars, directed by the law passed February, 1878."

On our sea coast defenses he says: "The board of fortifications or other defenses, appointed in pursuance of the provisions of the act of congress approved March 3, 1885, will in a short time present its report, and it is to be hoped that this may greatly aid the legislation so necessary to remedy the present defenseless condition of our sea coast."

He recommends legislation to prohibit the construction of bridges over navigable waters in such manner as to obstruct navigation.

"The report of the secretary of the navy gives a history of the operations of his department and the present condition of the work committed to his charge. He details in full the course pursued by him to protect the rights of the government in respect to certain vessels unfinished at the time of his accession to office, and also concerning the dispatch boat, Dolphin, claimed to be completed and waiting the acceptance of the department. No one can fail to see from the recital contained in this report that only the application of business principles has been insisted upon in the treatment of these subjects, and that whatever controversy has arisen was caused by the exaction on the part of the department on contract obligations. He says they were legally constructed in the case of the Dolphin with entire justice to the contractor. Congress in its session authorized the construction of two additional new cruisers and two gun boats at a cost not exceeding in the aggregate \$2,995,000. Steps have been taken for the procurement of such plans for the construction of these vessels as would be likely to insure their usefulness when completed. We have not a single vessel of war that could keep the sea against any first-class vessel of any important power. The nation that cannot resist aggression is constantly exposed to it; its foreign policy is of necessity weak and its negotiation are conducted with disadvantage because it is not in a condition to enforce the terms dictated by its sense of right and justice. I deem it my duty to especially direct the attention of Congress to the close of the report of the secretary of the navy in which the humiliating features of the present organization of this department is exhibited. The conviction is forced upon us that before we proceed any further in the restoration of a navy, we should need a thoroughly reorganized navy department."

In commenting on postal matters the message says: "It was decided with my approbation, after a sufficient examination, to be inexpedient for the Postoffice department to contract for carrying our foreign mails under conditional authority given by the last Congress. The amount limited was inadequate to pay all within the purview of the law—the full rate of 50 cents per mile—and it would have been unjust and unwise to have given it to some and denied it to others, nor could contracts have been let under the law to all at a rate to have brought the aggregate within the appropriation without such practical prearrangements of terms as would have violated it. The rate of sea and inland postage, which was proffered under another statute, clearly appears to be a fair compensation for the desired service, being three times the price necessary to secure transportation by other vessels upon the route and much beyond the charges made by private persons for services not less burdensome. Some of the steamship companies upon the refusal of the Postmaster General to attempt by the means provided, the distribution of the sum appropriated as an extra compensation, withdrew the service

of their vessels and the only occasioned slight in convenience, though no considerable injury. The mails have been despatched by other means. Whatever may be thought of the policy of subsidizing any line of public conveyance or travel, I am satisfied that it should not be done under cover of an expenditure incident to the administration of a department nor should there be any uncertainty as to the recipients of the subsidy or any discretion left to an executive office as to its distribution. If such gifts of public money are to be made for the purpose of aiding any enterprise in the supposed interest of the public, I cannot but think that the amount to be paid and the beneficiary might better be determined by Congress than by any other way."

The message deals at length on the Indian question. After reviewing the facts about the education of the Indians and their tribal relations, the President says: "I recommend the passage of a law authorizing the appointment of six commissioners, three of whom shall be detailed from the army, to be charged with the duty of a careful inspection, from time to time, of all Indians upon our reservations, or subject to the care and control of the government, with the view of discovering their exact condition and needs and determining what steps should be taken on behalf of the government to relieve their situation in the direction of their self support and complete civilization; that the government ascertain from such inspection what, if any, reservations may be reduced in area, and in such cases, what part not needed for Indian occupation may be purchased by the government from the Indians and disposed of to their benefit; what if any, Indians may with their consent be removed to other reservations with a view of their concentration."

The President urges that the transcontinental roads be held to strict accountability in the matter of their grants.

On the civil service question the President says: "I am inclined to think that there is no sentiment more general in the minds of the people of our country than the conviction of the correctness of principle upon which the law enforcing civil service reform is based." He states his former expressed views on the subject and says: "I venture to hope that we never shall again be returned to the system which distributes public positions purely as a reward for partisan service. Doubts may well be entertained, whether our government could survive the strain of a continuance of this system which upon every change of administration inspires an immense army of claimants for office to lay siege to the patronage of the government, engrossing the time of public officers, and their importunities spreading abroad the contagion of their disappointment and filling the air with the tumult of their discontent."

The functions of the president's office has caused public anxiety and a just demand that a recurrence of such a condition of affairs should not be permitted.

"In conclusion I commend to the wise and thoughtful attention of congress the needs and welfare of a intelligent nation. To subordinate those by narrow advantage of partisanship or the accomplishment of selfish aims is to violate the people's trust and betray the people's interests, but an individual sense of responsibility on the part of each of us and a stern determination to perform our duty well, must give us peace among those who have added in their day and generation to glory and prosperity of our beloved land.

(Signed.) GROVER CLEVELAND.

D. H. Floyd, Huachuca; B. Thurston, John Black, El Paso; D. K. Williamson, Benson; John Connolly and wife, San Francisco; C. Stultz, San Pedro; C. S. Abbott, ranch; are registered at the Occidental hotel.

Frush's overland circus will probably visit this city next week. This is not one of your ear and poster circuses, but a genuine live circus such as we used to delight in in our youth. The press of the Territory speaks in glowing terms of it.